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Letter dated 22 April 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to bring to your attention the objection by Libya to the baseless information contained in paragraph 32 of your report on conflict-related sexual violence (S/2015/203). The paragraph contains the following statement:

> The deteriorating security situation has increased fears of sexual violence, which has been reported to be a driver of displacement to neighbouring countries. Growing numbers of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants attempted to reach Europe from Libya by sea, with sexual violence against women and girls reported to have taken place in this context. Extremist activity in Libya is a source of serious concern given regional trends regarding sexual violence committed by armed groups.

Not a single case of sexual violence against women and girls has been reported on the territory of Libya or in its territorial waters during the course of the period covered by the report, and sexual violence has never been a driver of displacement in Libya.

I should be most grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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